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ESEA/NCLB Title II, Part A – Teacher Quality Allocations for 2011-12

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A pdf file of the Title II, Part A district allocations has been posted to the NDE's Federal Programs page at: http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Index.html. NDE is providing this information to assist with budgeting.

CDC Collection Open: Summer School Supplement

Contact: Russ Inbody (402-471-4320) or the NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

This collection is for Public Districts only and collects the total Prorated Days of Attendance of the District's Summer School Program or if no summer school was held. The due date is August 31st, 2011.

NSSRS: Clarifications Regarding 2010-2011 Student Grades

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Clarification: NDE is considering the 2010-11 Student Grades data as parallel data. This means that it will be used for analysis but not reported or released. The reporting of Student Grades data for students in summer programs is presenting new challenges that will be addressed before next year. For the present, we do want districts to submit data as best they can so that we have better data to analyze and can also identify better guidance, etc.

Student Grades data for students attending summer school:

- A Staff ID is not required (leave blank). If teachers were employees of the district during the regular school year, they should be reported.
- If a student from another district is attending (and will <u>only</u> be attending) summer school, a
 record is not required.
- Students can be recorded at the school where they are receiving summer services or at the school where they were enrolled at the end of the last school year.
- Students taking courses for credit recovery at the high school level should be reported with the grades given for that course.

Districts may submit Student Grades records related to summer school during the "2010-11 Correction" window (August 1 through 12) or during the "2010-11 Resubmission" window (October 18 through November 10). Everyone's patience is appreciated as we work through this initial year of collecting this new data.

NDE Position

The Nebraska Department of Education is creating a new Research and Evaluation Team around the current data center and is seeking a senior level administrator to lead this team. The Research and Evaluation team will continue to be responsible for the collection, use, and management of P-20 data and will be restructuring to support research and evaluations. The following position was posted externally on 7/28/2011:

Senior Administrator – Research and Evaluation Team Administrator, Position #01345030

Work Location: Lincoln

Application Deadline: 8/25/2011

If you wish to apply for a position, you must complete an on-line application through State Personnel at http://statejobs.nebraska.gov/.

Master Calendar

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

NDE has launched a new Master Calendar at: http://www.education.ne.gov/ The Master Calendar link is found in the white strip at the top of the page next to the link for the Portal. The Calendar contains three views: Applications & Collections; Meetings & Activities; and a view called Everything that combines the data from the first two views. The Applications & Collections includes information and dates for all required forms and data collections. The Meetings & Activities calendar contains information on NDE sponsored activities and open meetings.

The Master Calendar also has some features for users --

- iCal export (sometimes revered to as iCalendar) will allow users to export a single event at a time or an entire calendar. This can be imported into your Outlook, Apple, Gmail and/or other calendars
- 2) Users can set up e-mail reminders
- 3) Users can view the information in Month, Week, Day or a list view (the list view has the most information)
- 4) If users want to learn about the calendar and its features they can contact the NDE Helpdesk or attend an NDE Trainer Workday.